

TIPP CITY TREE BOARD

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO February 11, 2009

Tree Board Meeting

Chairman Rambeau called this meeting of the Tipp City Tree Board to order at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call

Members in attendance included: William Duff, Joanna Pittenger, and Tim Rambeau.

Also in attendance were Mayor Tim Evans, Park Superintendent Jim Asher, Electric Tree Crew members John Montgomery and Dave Slife, and Board Secretary Marilyn Fennell.

Mayor Evans swore in re-appointed Board member Joanna Pittenger to serve a new 3-year term.

Minutes Approval December 10, 2008

The minutes of the December 10, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Duff **moved to approve the minutes as written.** Mrs. Pittenger seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Election of Chairman and Vice- Chairman

Mr. Duff **nominated Mr. Rambeau to serve as Chairman.** Mrs. Pittenger seconded the motion. There were no further nominations. Mr. Rambeau was unanimously elected as chairperson.

Mrs. Pittenger **nominated Mr. Duff as Vice-Chairman.** Mr. Rambeau seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Mr. Duff was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman.

Items not on the Agenda

Mr. Rambeau submitted a brief article for the next edition of the Tuppecanews to be distributed to the public. Copies were distributed and Mrs. Fennell said she would submit it to the City Manager's office.

Mr. Asher announced that there is a new fund available thru the Tipp Foundation, the Warren Miltenberger Fund which is for the improvements of Canal Lock Park. A new shelter is going to be erected this summer and maybe plant some trees.

New Business

There were no applications for tree removals or plantings.

2009 Arbor Day Poster Contest

Mrs. Fennell announced the winner of the Poster Contest was Justin Barkow and his poster had been forwarded to the State Chairman. The Participant Certificates will be distributed to the students during Arbor Day Week.

The list of trees was reviewed and the list will be given to

Projects for 2009

Joyce Sutton for a final proof copy.

Tree Line USA is another program recognized by Tree City USA and Mr. Montgomery thought that the City qualifies for this recognition. The qualifications had been given to the Board and the Utility Department will assist in the completion of the application. The deadline is November 2009.

E. Main Street
Entrance Sign

Mrs. Pittenger brought information that she had regarding raising funds for a new E. Main Street entrance sign for the City. She has spoken to Harrison's Restaurant and Bob Evans. Thus far, Bob Evans said they would donate 15% of their sales for those who present a flyer on June 6 & 7, 2009. Mr. Asher said America In Bloom was interested in the project for plants/flowers. She will contact the local papers to have the flyer printed in the papers. She hopes to raise funds so that another application can be made to Tipp Foundation and Miami County Foundation for matching funds. Mr. Duff thought the information from the original application for the construction was a bit high. That will be checked out further. Mr. Asher said the sign could be moved farther east than the current location due to the City's limits being extended.

Container Trees

Mr. Rambeau presented his Container Tree project. He recommended 10 container-grown trees be planted in the curb lawns and parks. They could be planted by Parks Department employees. Mr. Asher recommended it be done before the suggested date of May 31; March would be better for his crews. There was discussion to start in the First, Second, Third Street area. Mr. Asher said he would also check his planting list to see which properties need trees replaced that were removed.

There was discussion whether to use containered or bare-root trees. Mr. Duff said he would get a price from Scarff's. Mr. Asher will check with Brown Nursery. Mr. Duff also suggested Schmitt's. He suggested a price for 5 trees of 5 different varieties for the bare-root which should be less expensive. Mr. Rambeau felt 10 containered-trees could be purchased for \$600-\$700. Mr. Asher said he would need a quote to process the requisition.

Mr. Rambeau suggested that an evaluation be done of the trees around mid-August to see check survival, measurable growth, insect and mechanical damage. He felt this should complement the City's fall plantings.

Arbor Day, April 24,
2009

Mr. Rambeau will check on seedlings. The Board decided on Chinkapin Oak or Swamp White Oak if they are available. They asked Mrs. Fennell to check with Wendi Van Buren, ODNR, to see if she is available to present a seminar that week.

Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

**Miscellaneous
Business**

The City of Hamilton will be hosting the annual Tree City USA awards the week before Arbor Day. Details to follow. Mr. Montgomery and Mrs. Pittenger said they were interested in attending.

The Tipp City Rotary honors their past-presidents with the purchase of a memorial tree and Mr. Asher said the next group of trees will be Sycamores along the new Bike Path from Canal Lock Park into Kyle Park.

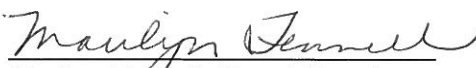
Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be April 8, 2009 at 5:15pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Rambeau declared the meeting adjourned at 6:12pm.

APPROVED:  4/8/09
Tim Rambeau, Board Chairman

ATTEST: 
Marilyn Fennell, Board Secretary